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Anniston Army Depot, General Dynamics partner for Stryker repairs

Anniston Army Depot, Ala., has inked a deal with its tenant, General Dynamics Land Systems, to repair Stryker infantry vehicles returning from Iraq.

The partnership will cut costs by reducing duplications. Instead of three entities - the depot, TACOM Life Cycle Management Command and General Dynamics, all ordering spare parts for the Stryker, they will obtain parts through a single organizational structure.

Picatinny to receive environmental management award

The New Jersey Water Environment Association will honor Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., with its 2006 Industrial Environmental Compliance Award during their annual conference May 11 at the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City.

The award is presented each year by the association to New Jersey facilities whose wastewater treatment and compliance programs are exceptional, said Lt. Col. Kerry T. Skelton, base garrison commander.

ANAD hires first veteran under “Always a Soldier” program

Maintenance parts technician, Johnathan Purser, recently began his career at Anniston Army Depot, Ala., making him the first depot employee to be hired under the “Always A Soldier” program.

Purser, a former Army staff sergeant, comes to the depot with 11 years of military service. Tours have taken him from Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Benning, Ga., to Afghanistan, where he survived a helicopter crash. In his new position, his duties include scanning tags on the parts that go on a variety of military vehicles, verifying the part numbers for accuracy using the visual planner system, and determining priority for that item.

New partnership looks to improve physical capabilities of military amputees

The Natick Soldier Center, the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Military Amputee Research Program have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to improve physical performance of military amputees.

"The goal of the program is to sponsor and conduct research that provides military amputees with the best technology and treatment possible, including rehabilitation," said Dr. John Obusek, ergonomics team leader, NSC. "The objective is to help amputees achieve a level of physical capability that is compatible with continued service on active duty."

Radar technicians improve overhaul process, earn Lean award

Teamwork and Lean techniques at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., are getting radar systems back to the field faster and at reduced cost. The increased efficiency in the overhaul of AN/TPS-75 Mobile Tactical Radar Systems has earned technicians assigned to the Air Defense Radar Systems Branch the new Lean Model Cell Certification award.

Depot Commander Col. Tracy Ellis recently presented the award to the technicians for their efforts to implement Lean techniques. The improved work processes reduced the repair cycle time and costs associated with overhaul of AN/TPS-75 Mobile Tactical Radar Systems.

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Headquarters, Army Materiel Command's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, or SADBU, is now the Office of Small Business Programs.

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